



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



May 27, 2009 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

Absent Commissioners

James Barger, Commissioner

Commission Services Staff

Rhonda Rangel
Nyla Jefferson

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County Counsel
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department
Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department

Guests

Sean Michael Davis
Maria Maqueda

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: Minutes of May 20, 2009 - Approved.

Motion: Commissioner Wood, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Recommendation to Deny Taxicab Driver Business License ID #135602

Sean Michael Davis
2129 West Rosecrans Avenue
Gardena (Second District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collectors' office, reported that this application is denied by the Sheriff's Department. Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department, reported that based on the applicants' finger prints report, denial of this application is recommended.

Sean Davis, applicant, disclosed the information of his past criminal record to the Commission. Vice President Campbell expressed concerns about the applicants convictions and recommended that the applicant appeal the convictions to a lesser charge and simultaneously have them expunged.

The applicant requested the Commissions' reconsideration to overturn the denial because he has moved on with his life, has started a family, and driving a taxi is the only means to support his family.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation to deny the above-mentioned license with the following conditions:

- The applicant return before the Commission in 6 months to demonstrate his due diligence regarding legal proceedings for lesser charges, and felonies expunged.

Motion: Vice President Campbell seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Recommendation to Deny Public Eating, Annual Dance, and Entertainment – General with Dance Business License ID # 135901

Angel & Maria Maqueda
El Rancho Alegre
5010 East Whittier Boulevard
Los Angeles (First District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collectors office, reported that this application is denied by the Sheriff's Department. Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department, reported on a series of 14 service-calls to the business site within the past two years which include violence, narcotics, prostitution and assault of a police officer. Mr. Hennessy stated that throughout his investigation the issue of ownership and licensing remained unresolved; the Sheriff's Department has two documented violations for *non-compliance* of a business license. Additionally, he reported that the business was closed for 48 hours by the Health Department, and cited for Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) violations.

Mr. Dangerfield explained that it is common practice to advise all applicants that an application is not a license to operate. Maria Maqueda, applicant, stated that their ABC license is valid until 2010; however, the business has been closed since March 19, 2009. She also stated that only the bar section of the business was in operation, and that they kept two security guards.

Commissioner Vasquez expressed concerns regarding the Sheriff's Department report, and Vice President Campbell about the reported police officer assault.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the recommendation to deny the above-mentioned license for annual dance and entertainment.

The Commission overturned the recommendation to deny the above-mentioned license for public eating and allowed the business to re-open with the following conditions:

- Only one jukebox allowed, no live entertainment.
- Business hours are from 2:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and closed on Mondays.
- Two security guards are required to re-open; one inside the business and one outdoor perimeter of establishment.
- The applicants are required to return before the Commission on July 29, 2009 for further review with the Sheriff's Department.

Motion: Commissioner Vasquez seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: The Commission agreed to cancel their meeting of June 3, 2009. The next meeting will be on June 10, 2009.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: The Commission adjourned at 9:47 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President